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FOR: FUEL CONTAINER :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Preliminary to an action on the merits of this case, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Basis for the Amendment** begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.